

**If you are a true animal lover...
adoption is the responsible option**

HOW DO I KNOW WHOM TO CHOOSE?

Our animals are "random source," which means our adoptable dogs and cats come from varied backgrounds. Some are mixed breeds and some appear to be purebreds. It is important that you consider more than looks when you choose a new pet. Looks can be deceiving. Basing your choice on looks alone can be a huge mistake. After all you wouldn't choose to spend the next 10 to 15 years with a person, let alone a pet, based on looks alone. It is also important to think about your needs and expectations when making your decision. Getting a new pet should be a lifetime commitment. It is important to take time to observe the animal and have some one-on-one interaction to find the right match.

When choosing your new friend for life, please take into consideration the following factors:

- The reason you want a pet**
- Temperament, activity level and size**
- Living space (apartment, house, yard)**
- Budget (daily expenses as well as possible emergency vet care)**
- Other family members or regular visitors**
- Time for socializing and care of the pet**

Remember, your new pet will be part of the family for fifteen years or more.



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Visit us on the web

Find out more about Metro Animal Services by going to the Louisville Metro website at: www.louisvilleky.gov. Click on Departments, then, go to Animal Services. You'll be able to view adoptable animals, print a license form, review the Animal Care and Control Ordinance and find out more about what we do.

Make your house a home to a new family member

Adoption Program
Metro Animal Services
Louisville's Animal Care Authority



As Seen on TV!

Or heard about on the radio! Because of the exposure that many of our animals receive, they are often in great demand. We strive to make the best match we can on a first-come first served basis. Many of these shows are taped in advance, and since we do not “hold” animals, some may be adopted before the show airs. Please ask to see all of our “potential” stars, there are always plenty of deserving animals waiting to be adopted.

What's the Process?

Once you have selected a dog or cat for adoption, you will be asked to fill out an adoption survey. A clerk will go over the survey questionnaire with you and counsel you about your choice to be sure that a strong match is made. The adoption fee is due upon approval. The whole process usually takes fifteen to twenty minutes.

Your One and Only

Spaying and neutering is one of the most important aspects of being a responsible pet owner. Spaying and neutering is strongly encouraged to reduce the thousands of unwanted puppies and kittens and dogs and cats that are euthanized in Louisville Metro every year. There are over 28,500 homeless animals turned in to the four primary animal agencies in Louisville Metro. In addition, there are another 8,000 carcasses received by our shelter annually. Therefore, all adoption animals will be spayed or neutered. If it has not already been done, we will make an appointment for the animal, or we will issue a voucher, which must be used for the operation.

A Super Package Deal

Our package fee includes everything your pet needs to get started on the right paw. You will receive a complimentary coupon booklet from Feeders Supply with over \$100 in coupons and an Adoption Kit from the IAMS Company. All animals will be up-to-date on their vaccinations. Dogs are checked for heartworm, and cats are checked for feline leukemia. Animals over four months old will be issued a license tag. We require adopters to take their new friend to a veterinarian within seven days for an initial medical exam. Our adoption fee is a great value, but the most important thing is that you are saving a life and getting a new best friend.

Okay, How Much?

Our fees range from \$70.00 for a male kitten up to \$110.00 for a female dog. The fees don't cover all of the costs of medical services you receive. Therefore, donations are always welcome. “Free” animals are far from that. By the time you provide all of the necessary medical attention and the animal's needs, it will end up costing you twice as much as adopting one from us.

Adoption Facility Fund

Metro Animal Services facility at Crums Lane and Manslick Road was built in 1966 and has seen very little improvement since that time. Our goal is to build a new state-of-the-art shelter that will increase our ability to keep and adopt more animals, provide medical care to many more animals in need and to offer educational programs. If you would like to support us in our efforts to increase our level of customer service for the people and animals in our community, please send your tax deductible donation to: **Metro Animal Services**

**Adoption Facility Fund
P.O. Box 16346
Louisville, KY 40256**

KENNEL HOURS

Monday-Saturday, 10 AM-5 PM
Open 24 hours to receive animals

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Saturday, 9 AM-5 PM

ADOPTION HOURS

Monday-Saturday, 9 AM-5 PM

PHONE NUMBERS

Adoptions & Licensing 361-1318
Service Requests 363-6609

Officers on duty, 7 AM-11 PM

